**December 2021 Early Literacy Calendar**

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<td>Preparing your child for school is easy and fun! Children learn through play! <strong>TALK – SING – READ – WRITE – PLAY</strong> Ask your librarian for more great suggestions! <a href="https://sonomalibrary.org">https://sonomalibrary.org</a></td>
<td>1. <strong>PLAY</strong> Put on music and dance together.</td>
<td>2. <strong>SING</strong> Sing: “I'm a Little Snowman”.</td>
<td>3. <strong>WRITE</strong> Write your child’s name and help your child trace the letters.</td>
<td>4. <strong>READ</strong> Read a favorite story together then let your child re-tell the story to you.</td>
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<td>5. <strong>RHYME</strong> What rhymes with pig?</td>
<td>6. <strong>MATH</strong> Make a pattern with blocks or other toys.</td>
<td>7. <strong>SING</strong> Make up a song with your child's name.</td>
<td>8. <strong>PLAY</strong> Build a fort together and read inside.</td>
<td>9. <strong>READ</strong> Read a book about a dog or cat.</td>
<td>10. <strong>RHYME</strong> Share a Mother Goose rhyme together.</td>
<td>11. <strong>TALK</strong> Talk about fun things to do in winter.</td>
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<td>12. <strong>READ</strong> Read a book together, then talk about your favorite part.</td>
<td>13. <strong>WRITE</strong> Practice drawing loops and swirls:</td>
<td>14. <strong>MATH</strong> Take a walk at night and count houses that have lights on.</td>
<td>15. <strong>SCIENCE</strong> What kind of weather do you is there in winter? Is it cold? Is it raining?</td>
<td>16. <strong>READ</strong> Snuggle under blankets and read a favorite book together.</td>
<td>17. <strong>SING</strong> Sing &quot;Jingle Bells&quot; and shake some bells as you sing.</td>
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<td>18. <strong>PLAY</strong> Pick a color. Find things today that are that color.</td>
<td>19. <strong>SCIENCE</strong> Let your child help in the kitchen today. What happens when water boils?</td>
<td>20. <strong>RHYME</strong> Share the rhyme: “Rain on the Green Grass”.</td>
<td>21. <strong>MATH</strong> Jump on one foot and count from 1 to 10!</td>
<td>22. <strong>READ</strong> Read a book together about winter.</td>
<td>23. <strong>PLAY</strong> Put a sock on each of your hands. Make the &quot;puppets&quot; talk to each other.</td>
<td>24. <strong>WRITE</strong> Have your child draw a picture for someone and write their name.</td>
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<td>25. <strong>PLAY</strong> Celebrate the end of the year as a family. Use pots and pans to make noise!</td>
<td>26. <strong>MATH</strong> Line up some toys by size, in order from small to large.</td>
<td>27. <strong>READ</strong> Read a book together about a winter holiday.</td>
<td>28. <strong>TALK</strong> Talk about how your family celebrates special occasions.</td>
<td>29. <strong>SING</strong> Sing a favorite song together as a family.</td>
<td>30. <strong>TALK</strong> Tell your child how proud you are of all their accomplishments.</td>
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Songs and Rhymes to Share with your Little One

I’m A Little Snowman
(Sung to the tune: “I’m A Little Teapot”)

I'm a little snowman
Round and fat
I have a broomstick
I have a hat.
With my friends
I play in the snow.
But when the sun shines
It's time to go.

Rain on the Green Grass

Rain on the green grass,
Rain on the tree,
Rain on the housetop,
But not on me.

Jingle Bells

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh, what fun it is to ride,
In a one-horse, open sleigh.
Hey!

Children start recognizing patterns at a very early age. Recognizing patterns, predicting patterns, and creating patterns support mathematical learning. This skill also allows children to make predictions about what comes next: “After my bath, I put on pajamas”. Look for patterns and share them with your child!